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THE PRICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

That public improvements cost something and are apt to make prices high, but are worth all they cost, was recently strikingly illustrated. Desiring to locate in a place to spend his declining years a man looked at properties in a live Vermont village with good schools, water [system, sidewalks, lights, fire protection, sewers, good streets and a few of the modern municipal luxuries, such as a little park with fountain and public band concerts.

The price at which properties were held seemed a bit high to the man and he went to another similar village, and then to another but the property valuations and the tax rate scared the man and he finally bought a residence (and it was a good one) in village having no sewers, no water system, no fire protection, no lights and none of the little extras, and the price of the property seemed cheap, and the tax rate was 15 cents lower.

He considered himself a shrewd man and boasted of what he had done. He patted himself upon the back for two or three years. He joined the ranks of men who opposed water, lights, sewers and fire protection for that town, and the number predominated of course, or the town would have had them.

Finally, one morning, like lightning out of a clear sky, his house was discovered on fire. Without protection the place burned with other buildings—but the man was glad to receive aid from the fire departments of at least two of the towns which he had avoided when buying property, and that aid cost the up-to-date town money, because it pays its fire department something for efficiency. In any of the three towns in which the man first contemplated locating, his buildings in all probability would have been saved with little damage.

The moral is plain. Taxes spent wisely for sound public investments are not a burden. Public safety and comfort cost money but are worth it and always increase the value of property. Keep a keen eye on your public moneys, hold public officials to strict accountability and then pay the tax required for modern and worth-while things without whining.

When an Orleans county farmer sells three calves for \$400 and has sold nine at an average of \$118 each, or \$1,065, it cannot well be argued that raising thoroughbreds for sale is not profitable.

Come on up to Barton, men and women of the Vermont Press association and others in the game, and have a good time on August 5 and 6. We shall try to mix some really worth while things with plenty of fun.

The Rutland Herald will excuse the Monitor for shocking its well-known modesty with its story of the thunder storm and the toasted bull. After careful reading of the contemporary's columns, we had supposed it was lies you were telling all along. Our humble apologies for misunderstanding the Herald's efforts.

What unprotected small village will be the first to protect itself against such conflagrations as those recently visiting Coventry (twice), Glover, and South Albany, all in this county? What place will be the one to buy protection BEFORE the fire?

It serves one well to note the label and markings of purchases of all kinds. Within the past few years the federal government has been very strict about the labeling of goods. A package label must now conform to the contents, and must not mis-state things. For instance a few years ago a certain coffee was labeled "detanated" coffee. Now the label reads (in large type) "detanated" (in small type) "brand" coffee. Quite a proportion of the material men are smoking is not tobacco, at least, not tobacco enough in it so the manufacturers dare place the word "tobacco" upon the package. "X. Y. X. Cut Plug" is the way it may read but you cannot find the claim even that there is any tobacco in it. To the close observer it is noticed in the past few years that much "silicalized," "rubberized," "leatheroid," and similar near-ware is used to attract the eye but deceive the purchaser. It is well for the public to know these things and remember it when purchasing goods. Study the labels and markings in your purchases.

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY.

The Coventry Fire.

The village of Coventry didn't have any fire protection; the village of Coventry lost two houses, two barns and a schoolhouse and town hall. Nothing further need be said.—Barre Times.

Vermont in the Lead.

The Manchester Union has been studying the government's crop statistics and is surprised to find that Vermont leads New Hampshire in the production of corn, wheat, barley, potatoes, apples and other crops. If it would extend its research to other fields it would find that while New Hampshire is commonly known as the Granite state it is far behind Vermont in the value of both rough and finished granite sent to other states.—Brattleboro Reformer.

A Trifid Fire-Fighter for Small Villages

Every village should have some firefighting equipment. Such a service was tried out here Friday at the Groton Turning Work's fire and demonstrated its excellent points. This is but a sample of the former trials and tells most plainly that a village remaining without a chemical engine or good water pressure is surely running amazing risks. Groton was a long time getting to the point of purchasing such an equipment but no regrets are heard today, only praise for its good work. A few hundred dollars investment will save thousands of dollars of property. Again we urge every village not supplied to act at once. The fire fiend cometh at unknown hours, and the only safe way is to be ready.—Groton Times.

Alcoholic Beverages Must Go.

The war against king alcohol goes forward steadily and the heaviest blows are not being struck by fiery agitators. After Jan. 1 whiskey and brandy are to be dropped from the edition of the United States Pharmacopoeia, which is the standard of pharmacists the country over. This means that whiskey and brandy have been declared officially to be neither drugs nor medicine, and cannot legally be sold by druggists as medicine. After Jan. 1 it will be necessary for the druggist to banish whiskey and brandy from his store, or to take out a retail liquor dealer's license, instead of paying \$25 a year internal revenue fee. The action of the pharmacopoeia committee is recognized as a severe blow to the liquor traffic, particularly in "dry" territory, where it is next to impossible to obtain liquor except in the guise of medicine. This step will also put out of business a number of patent medicines which practically are little more than whiskey or brandy and are valued chiefly for that character.—Brattleboro Reformer.

Trees Earn Their Keep

"Shade trees earn their keep," says an editor in a land where there are not a great many trees—Oklahoma. "They shut out the heat of the noonday sun and prevent the earth from becoming heated around the house. When the sun disappears in the evening, the house soon cools, making sleep possible and refreshing. In large cities, when the bricks in the walls of the buildings and those of the streets become thoroughly heated the night rest is broken. It is no wonder that city folks hide themselves to the country to find that rest and comfort that is denied them at home." These words from a state that is short on trees are as applicable right here as they are out there. Every tree in this city is paying its keep. They are something more than ornaments. There is no more beautiful picture than trees about a house, and we could well afford to cultivate them and take care of them, even if there were nothing else at stake but their beauty; but when we remember that they help us to live more comfortably, when we know that they make life more pleasant because of their help in modifying the temperature, we ought to be willing to encourage them for their utility alone.—Dayton News.

Back Telephone Bills.

The question of the right of a telephone company to cut off service on failure of a subscriber to pay bills in arrears has finally reached the dignity of a decision from the Supreme Court of the United States—and the decision is in favor of the company. This particular case was known as the Arkansas telephone case. Mrs. Adeline T. Danaher, a subscriber of the Southwestern Telephone & Telegraph company, brought suit under an Arkansas statute and recovered substantial penalties because of the failure of the telephone company to supply her with service for a period of 63 days. Justice Van Devanter found that as a matter of fact and of common practice the regulation made by telephone companies which provided that its subscribers' service might be terminated for failure to pay arrears was a reasonable regulation in the interest alike of a good telephone service and of the paying subscribers. No matter how any particular individual may feel about the matter as his telephonic communication is cut off for non-payment of a back bill—even one he may think he has good cause to dispute—he must remember that the nine black-robed gentlemen in Washington have spoken and that their voice is the law of the land.—Boston Post.

Cheap Paint

The cheapest paint is the one that goes farthest and wears best; there is most in a gallon of it. What is a quart of milk worth? Depends on the milk. So paint; it depends on the paint. Devote is worth the top price, what- ever it is. Poor paint is worth nothing at all; you've got to pay your painter \$3 or \$4 a gallon for putting it on; and it isn't worth it. Devote goes twice as far and wears twice or three times or four times as long. The cheap paint is Devote at the top of the market. DEVOTE

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Every Little Helps.

If you can't plant a shade tree yourself, you can at least refrain from hitching a hungry horse to your neighbor's.—Ft. Wayne News.

STATE NEWS

Vail 70 Years Old.

Theodore N. Vail, president of the Western Union Telegraph company and the American Telephone and Telegraph company, spent his seventieth birthday Friday at his home at Lyndonville. With him were his wife and their daughter, Mrs. Marsters. Hundreds of congratulatory messages by both phone and wire were received by Mr. Vail from his fellow officials and friends in New York and all the big cities of the country, and to many of his well wishers he made answer by phone or wire. To them all he said he was feeling fine and was having a delightful celebration.

Seventy-three Bears and 3310 Hedgehogs Killed.

According to figures made public at the state auditor's office, 73 bears were killed in Vermont during the year ending June 30, 95 bob cats or bay lynxes, and 3311 hedgehogs, the state paying bounties amounting to \$496.65 on hedgehogs. The hedgehogs killed July 1, 1912, to July 1, 1913, amounted to \$813.80, but were not paid until after July 1, 1913. The hedgehogs killed July 1, 1913 to July 1, 1914 amounted to \$341.75. Before the legislature made the bounty 15 cents for each head of the animal the bounty was 30 cents. The bounty on bay lynx is \$5.

That State House Addition.

The commission upon the new state building at Montpelier have adopted tentative plans. In a letter to architects asking them to further prepare plans the commission says: "The commission have decided to build the same of hammered granite, three stories and basement. You should be in mind that the total amount which the commission can spend for this building and its furnishings is \$150,000. The commission has decided to limit the expense of the building itself to the sum of \$140,000, and in preparing your plans you will of course, have this in mind.

Farm Boys at State Fair.

The Vermont Agricultural Extension service has made co-operative arrangements with the state fair commission whereby the Farm Boys' camp at the state fair at White River Junction, Sept. 14-17, 1915 will be repeated this year. The regulations to be followed in selecting these boys will be essentially the same as those used last year, viz: One boy will be selected from each Pomona district out of which there are twenty-four in the state. He must be farm boy who has passed his fourteenth birthday and not yet reached his eighteenth birthday. He must be of good moral character. He must be willing to submit to and obey all rules and orders of the camp. The final rest with the master of each Pomona grange district. He may use such means as he sees fit so long as these regulations are complied with. All expenses of the boys for the entire week will be paid, including carfare from the nearest railroad station. In return for this the boys will be expected to render some services to fair authorities, such as policing the grand stand, leading stock in parades, etc. For further information address Vermont Agricultural Extension Service Station, Morrill Hall, Burlington.

More Butter Scoring.

The seventh educational butter scoring of the Vermont agricultural extension service will be held Friday, July 30, at Morrill Hall, Burlington. The scorers will be A. A. Borland, professor of dairy husbandry, University of Vermont; Orrin Bent, Boston, Mass.; C. W. Fryhofer of the dairy division, United States department of agriculture; H. L. Wilson, state creamery inspector, and G. F. Lamson, butter-maker at the university farm.

Each Vermont dairyman or creamery man sending a sample of butter will receive (and reasons for same):

1. The score given his butter by each scorer, together with such suggestions as seem pertinent to his procedure.
2. A statement of the water and salt content of his butter.
3. The proceeds from the use of his butter, less any carriage charges.

No prizes are offered at these butter scorings. The object of the work is not to praise, but to criticize all samples entered freely and frankly in the hope of bettering the product.

Interested parties should write the Vermont Agricultural Extension Service, Morrill Hall, Burlington, for shipping directions and method blank.

Vermont Notes.

The United Spanish War Veterans of Vermont will meet at Rutland, July 22 for their twelfth annual encampment.

Sections of Windham county are so seriously infested with grasshoppers that expert advice is being sought and methods of fighting the pest are being planned for another spring.

Ira C. Calef has given his second \$10,000 for the Barre hospital. The first was toward the building and this money for an endowment. The hospital has \$1000 additional endowment.

Louis Clark, a lineman employed by the Burlington municipal electrician, had a narrow escape from death by electrocution when 2,300 volts of electricity passed through his body. Clark was revived by his associate.

Ernest Bushey, aged fourteen and one-half years, was drowned in Otter creek Thursday, trying to escape from the industrial school at Vergennes. He was swimming across the river to make his escape when the trunk of another boy was trying to escape with him and had crossed the river and was waiting for him when he saw the Bushey boy go down. He reported at once.

FOR HAY FEVER OR ASTHMA.

Many persons dread July on account of the recurrence of hay fever. Foley's Honey and Tar Compound long has been recognized as the ideal remedy for hay fever and asthma, because it heals and soothes that raw, sensitive feeling in the throat and eases the choking sensation. It allays inflammation and irritation and brings about easy and natural breathing. Contains no habit-forming drugs.

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COVENTRY

Mrs. E. L. Perry has been ill with a hard cold.

H. Frazier went to St. Albans on business Tuesday, July 13th.

Mrs. Carl Goss and children have returned from a visit in Sheffield.

George Lathe of Newport is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel Lathe.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Fairbrother have gone to Rock Island to visit their daughter.

C. A. Bickford has moved his family into one of the tenements over A. D. Thurber's store.

Mrs. Eva Cook and son of West Derby visited her mother, Mrs. Jane Hermon, last week.

Miss A. R. Kidder, who has been the guest of friends at Newport, returned home Friday.

Rev and Mrs. O. E. Aiken and daughters of Swanton visited at Mrs. Laura Brooks, last week.

Will Kidder, Mrs. Maria Kidder and Mrs. T. H. Corley of Irasburg called on Mrs. A. J. Hancock Sunday.

Mrs. Benj. Pomeroy and little daughter of Newport visited at H. H. Hancock's several days last week.

Mrs. Joyce (Gorham) Keller of Craftsburg has been visiting at the home of her father, J. G. Gorham.

Charles Niles has moved back to his farm. We are glad to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Niles back to their old home.

Mrs. George Sanderson, who has been visiting her sister, Miss E. M. Nichols, has returned to her home in Burlington.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Brooks have broken up housekeeping. Mrs. Brooks will go to St. Johnsbury and Mr. Brooks will work here for the present.

LOWELL

Mr. and Mrs. John Pudvah are the parents of a son.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Jacques were in Cambridge Sunday.

Miss Alice Leclair visited in Irasburg and Orleans last week.

Edwin Durose of West Charleston is at Robert Farman's during his stay.

Miss Hazel Benware of Chicago is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Benware.

Mr. and Mrs. Brigham of Waterbury are guests at Charles and Fred Messer's.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Pashby Monday of last week.

Mrs. Lula Maxfield of Eden visited her sister, Mrs. A. P. Sweet, last week.

Miss Jennie Messer of New Haven, Conn., is spending her vacation with her brothers.

Mrs. Almon Clark of Cambridge is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frances Jacques.

Mr. and Mrs. Blanchard of Willbury, Mass., have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Snider, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Crowe of Sheldon were in town Wednesday to attend the wedding of their son, Robert, to Miss Alice Stephenson.

Miss Florence Souther of Keene, N. H., Miss Lucy Souther of Hyde Park and Mrs. Amy Jones of Cady's Falls have been visiting relatives and friends in town.

"The Paths of Our Feet" was the Sunday morning theme at the North church, and "Not Afraid to Be Laughed At" for the children's sermon. For the Sunday school missionary minutes, "Abraham Gwabuya's Full Renunciation and Happy Conversion."

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Stephenson Wednesday of last week at noon, occurred the wedding of their youngest daughter, Alice, to Robert Crowe of Sheldon. They were united in marriage by Rev. E. T. Hurd. Only the near relatives of the bride and groom were present. After the wedding dinner, Mr. and Mrs. Crowe left for a short wedding trip and on their return will live in Sheldon. The happy couple have the congratulations and best wishes of their friends.

WESTFIELD

Charles West's new house is ready for the painters.

H. D. Miller has been putting steel roofing on his store.

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Mrs. Wm. Dickson and her daughter, Marion, were in Quebec last week.

Mrs. Lillian S. Wright has gone to Stowe to visit Mrs. Alice Raymond.

Henry Goodhue has sold his farm on the North Hill to Doriva Maurier for \$5,000.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis James and Miss Cora James, of Worcester, Mass., are visiting at W. D. Bell's.

O. W. Bailey went to Morrisville last week and purchased a horse. Mrs. Bailey went as far as Hyde Park.

De Forrest Leach of Lowell has moved into Ara J. Miller's house. Mr. Miller boards with the Leach family.

Mrs. H. E. Gray is heading a movement to raise money and purchase the M. E. church which is now not in use and convert the same into a town hall.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Gray were called to Colebrook, N. H., on account of the death of the father of the wife of their son, Herbert.

The Misses Hazel Gilpin and Ethel Bailey have gone to North Woodstock, N. H., to do tablework for the season in the "Fairview" hotel.

Herbert Longley, who broke his arm several days ago while returning from Irasburg, went to Montreal and had the fracture reduced. The arm has made rapid recovery.

News has been received from Osage, Ia., announcing the death of Martin Stoughton on July 5. Mr. Stoughton went West from this town in 1855.

His wife, who was the daughter of the late Arad Hitchcock, died several years ago.

Von Holstein's Dress Coat.

Prince Buelow once invited Herr von Holstein to dinner, telling him that it was to meet the emperor. "But," replied Holstein, "I don't believe that I have a dress coat at present. I will try, however, to get one made in time, and if I can't perhaps the emperor will take me as I am." This was reported to his majesty, who said that Herr von Holstein was to appear in any garb he pleased.

When the meeting took place Holstein was in his usual frock coat, and the emperor laughingly tapped him on the shoulder and said: "I see that dress coat wasn't ready. It doesn't matter."

Criminology of Waste.

If I wanted to train a child to be thrifty I should teach him to abhor waste. I do not mean waste of money—that cures itself, because very soon there is no money to waste—but waste of material, waste of something that is useful, but that you cannot represent in money value to the waster. There is waste of water, waste of gas and things of that kind. If you would wish your children to be thrifty I would beg to impress upon them the criminality of waste.—Lord Rosebery.

SEEING OURSELVES.

Some persons would be greatly astonished should they suddenly see their own faults as plainly as they see the faults of others—a circumstance that makes one think that Burns' famous couplet would have more point if it asked for the power to see ourselves not as others see us, but as we see others.

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